



# WHAT'S UP?

ST. GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*ST. GILES' MOTTO: "Called by Christ, Committed by Faith, Connected by Community."*

## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

### Don't forget to look down and really see...

It was just after 8:00 am on Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> and I was mesmerized by the beauty in front of me. Green grass, trees budding, wildflowers reaching for the morning sun, rushing water, and fresh air greeted me. We were on the Gorge-Creek trail.

I have developed a habit which some may consider a blessing and others may find a little annoying; for some reason, I can spot coyotes in the wild without too much trouble. I have also developed an eye for spotting wildflowers and quite frequently ask, "Did you see the Mourning Shooting Stars over there?"

Sometimes I have a difficulty when I go hiking; do I look at the landscapes (the big picture), or do I look at the flowers (the minute details)? I think we find it easier to look at the landscapes, the bigger picture. But I have learned that when I pay attention only to the big picture, I miss the small treasures.

Here I was, listening to the rumbling of the water in the creek in the valley below us, taking pictures of the breathtaking landscape when I noticed the wildflowers. I took a few pictures of the beautiful purple flowers (they turned out to be the very poisonous Low Larkspur) and the Mouse-ear Chickweed. Just as I turned around my eye caught the glimpse of something. Somehow my body was propelled two feet into the air and my heart was in my throat.

It was a CATERPILLAR.

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I don't like caterpillars because they give me the creeps, but they make interesting photos. I managed to take a picture of two dewdrops on the caterpillar and in one of the dewdrops you can see the reflection of my silhouette as I took the picture.

And a few moments later a little yellow louse decided to "take a ride" on the caterpillar.

If I looked only at the big picture I would have missed the wildflowers and I would have stepped on the caterpillar. It was good to refocus and see what was often missed.

I think the same happens in our lives. People always talk about looking at the big picture. And yet, we forget the little things that are, in fact, not so little. Sometimes, when we look at the big picture, we forget to look at God. We forget to see God's generosity, the very reason we are generous. We forget to see God's love, the very reason we love and care for others. We forget to look at God's Word, the very place God reveals His divine will to us. We forget to invite the Holy Spirit into our lives, the very Spirit of God whom Jesus has promised.

A landscape is not complete without the wildflowers and the insects. The big picture in our lives and the big picture of the church's life are not complete without the Father, Son, Holy Spirit, and God's Word.

My friends, as we look at the big picture may we never forget to look at God first.

Blessings

Rev. Dewald (Dewey) Delpert



(Note: see page 17 for the wild flowers, caterpillar and landscapes mentioned in this article)

**MISSION STATEMENT:** *"St. Giles' mission is to nurture a vibrant Christian life; we will seek to grow in our relationship with God, we will care for the community and we will dare to follow Christ into the world."*

## EDITORIAL

Dear Friends and Members of St. Giles:

Most of you know that there is an active Bible study program at St. Giles which runs from September through to April or May, meeting in the Park Room on Wednesday mornings (and if you didn't know, well, now you do). During the most recent session we worked our way through the Bible's first book, Genesis.

Although I'd read Genesis before and had a reasonable grasp of many of the stories - Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and the patriarchs, Joseph's rise from slavery to becoming second only to Pharaoh in Egypt - I'd never spent much time on the book's first chapter. Or more accurately, I was aware of what Genesis Chapter 1 says, but hadn't give much thought to the implications of what it says.

In fact the opening chapter does nothing less than lay down the basis of the Bible's worldview, a worldview that is increasingly at odds with secular society's worldview, but that's another topic.

The opening words of Genesis, 'In the beginning God...' makes the truth claim that there is a God. In rapid order - Genesis Chapter 1 is only comprised of 31 verses - it goes on to establish that:

- the universe was created by God and therefore had a beginning;
- God is eternal, the universe is not and is neither self-existent nor self-explanatory;
- God is a person, not a force that can be manipulated to do our bidding;
- planet Earth is special - it was created with an ultimate purpose - to provide a home for human beings;
- only human beings bear the image of God.

As John Lennox, a Cambridge mathematician says, "The starry heavens show the glory of God, yes; but they are not made in God's image. You are." We are intended to be the icons of God, creatures with a unique capacity to reflect God's character and have a relationship with him.

Genesis 1 therefore makes it clear that any attempt to explain the universe and human beings that does not include God and His purposes will prove to be false. Or, as Rev. Delport puts it in his *Minister's Message*, "the big picture of our lives and the big picture of the church's life are not complete without the Father, Son, Holy Spirit, and God's Word."

Denis Mascardelli for the Editorial Team

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## Update on the Backyard and Labyrinth

Work on the backyard is well underway with the labyrinth in place and the flowerbeds being prepared for planting more perennials as I write this. As referenced in the Annual Report, the labyrinth and backyard improvements will be paid from St. Giles' Undesignated Funds that are to be used for programs and projects supporting St. Giles' mission/vision/core values (Worship, Community, Inviting Others, Spirituality, Humanity, Education).

It is intended that the backyard will become a more multi-purpose space – still allowing us to use it for our Stampede Breakfast and Vacation Bible Camp – but providing a welcoming space where people can sit or walk the labyrinth for relaxation, meditation or prayer.

Look for more information as the project develops.

Sandra Cameron Evans

## NOTE-WORTHY

### News from Saskatoon:

**Dorothy Barton** is on the verge of her one hundred and third birthday on July 13, 2015 and has decided it is time for her to move to Assisted Living. She is looking forward to having three meals a day prepared for her, and a freshly renovated suite with all the helpful extras. Her sons, John and Bruce, who also live in Saskatoon with their families, were members of St. Giles Youth Group at one time, will be helping her with the transition.

Dorothy, a long time member of St Giles choir, wishes to be remembered to all her friends here. She greatly appreciates our "What's Up?" newsletter for keeping her in touch with all St Giles' people and activities.

# FROM THE ARCHIVES

## THE STORY OF ST. GILES' STAINED GLASS CONTINUES— 1976 TO PRESENT

BY JANET ASTLE

*This third, and last, article on the history of the windows is dedicated to the memory of Victor Thompson, designer and maker of all but one of the stained glass windows at St. Giles. He died on April 27, 2015, at the age of 81.*

In the previous two editions of *What's Up?* I have written about the installation of seven of the large windows in the sanctuary; this has left not only one large window of clear glass in the nave, but also 18 small ones, so I had better get started...

Obviously, there was a strong desire to replace the last clear glass window, and by January, 1976, various families were expressing interest in contributing to a memorial window fund. The theme was to be *Jesus and Mary in the Garden on the Day of Resurrection*. A panel beneath listed all those to whose memory it was dedicated. I won't list all their names here, as you can see them for yourself. The window was dedicated on a very cool June 6, 1976. The upper panel consists of The Hand, which is a symbol used to express the Presence and Will of God the Father. The hand is shown in the traditional form of blessing with two fingers extended and with rays of light fanning out behind.

The lower panel consists of The Phoenix (although to me it looks a bit like a cockerel) rising out of the flames. In many early mythologies the phoenix is said to have foreseen its own end and so it built a funeral pyre and set fire to itself by flapping its wings. The legends continue with it having the ability to be reborn from the ashes of its predecessor. This legend, as with so many such myths, was absorbed into the teachings of the early church, where the rebirth of the phoenix represented the resurrection. In one early Christian story, a small worm was left among the ashes, which developed into a bird three days later, thus supporting the resurrection story even more.

The main panel shows Jesus and Mary in the garden. Victor incorporated two flower species that are known to grow in that area to this day: scarlet anemone and yellow Jerusalem crowfoot. The scarlet anemone is the national flower of Israel, where it grows wild, and in great profusion, in parts of the country.

All the large windows were now in place, but this is not the end of the story, as there were still eighteen tiny clear glass cube windows at the back of the sanctuary.

Pearl Amos passed away in 1986, and her family offered to pay, in her memory, for stained glass in the cubes on the west side of the church. These windows were dedicated on August 9, 1987. Mr. Thompson is said to have used a particular kind of "refracted" glass to amplify the colours in such small openings. These nine windows tell the story of the Crucifixion and Resurrection – a sort of Presbyterian version of the Catholic Stations of the Cross.

The windows depict, starting in the bottom right corner and working up to the top left:

- † The Chalice and Cross – the agony in Gethsemane;
- † The Lantern – the betrayal;
- † A Pillar – the trial and condemnation;
- † The Crown of Thorns – mockery;
- † The Latin Cross – the Crucifixion (the letters AMOS are to be seen in the four corners of this window);
- † A Hammer and Nails – a symbol associated with the crucifixion;
- † A Heart pierced by a Lance – descent from the cross;
- † The Resurrection and the Resurrection Dawn – the sun rising as a crown over a dawn sky with the symbol IHC above (abbreviation for IHCOYC, the Romanized spelling of the Greek name for Jesus); and
- † The Tomb of Joseph of Arimathea – the burial of Jesus Christ, shown with a circular slab of stone rolled across the entrance and a large flat quarry stone leaning against it.

The positions of the last two windows were switched intentionally so that the resurrection window is placed directly above the crucifixion.

These nine panes are now obscured somewhat by the "new" narthex that was built in 2001. The building committee at the time struggled to ensure enough light still shone through these windows, and even had an electric light installed in the attic of the narthex so that the upper windows could still glow during services.

It took several more years before funding was in place to install stained glass in the remaining nine cube windows on the east side of the sanctuary (They were dedicated October 13, 1991.) By this time, the price had risen to over \$6000 for the job. Six families made donations to the

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## THE STORY OF ST. GILES' STAINED GLASS CONTINUES – 1976 TO PRESENT

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memorial fund, in effect “buying” one or two windows each. This time Victor chose key moments and people in the Old Testament to balance the New Testament story on the opposite side of the sanctuary. He chose a variety of topics, starting with the four prophets that have been linked symbolically with the four Evangelists. In each of these windows, there is a diamond shaped piece of red glass that contains the first letter of each Evangelist and also the head of one of the beasts seen around the throne in Revelation 4:6-7. So, these four windows are as follows:

- † In the bottom left corner: Isaiah is represented by a bow saw in front of a scroll. This comes from the traditional story of Isaiah being martyred by being “sawn asunder.” The red insert included the head of a winged man and the tiny letter M for Matthew;
- † Bottom right corner: Jeremiah is believed to have been stoned to death, so he is represented by three stones against a scroll. The red insert contains the letter L for Luke and the head of an ox;
- † Top right corner: Ezekiel is represented by a gate, due to his prophecy of the siege of Jerusalem and his visions of the city in Ezekiel 8:3. The red insert includes the first letter for John and the head of a flying eagle;
- † Top left corner: Daniel is represented by a ram with horns raised high, which comes from his vision in Daniel 8:3-4. The red insert includes another M, this time for Mark, and his symbol, the head of a lion.

The remaining windows are:

- † Top row in the middle: The Creator’s Star made up of two triangles, representing the Trinity, to form the six pointed Star of David that represents the six days of creation;
- † Central window: The burning bush representing the call of Moses;
- † Bottom row in the middle: The Ten Commandments;
- † Middle row right: The Ark, representing life being saved from the flood, the prophet Noah and the church itself. (A lone sheep can be seen peering out of the ark as it is tossed on a very stormy sea.); and
- † Middle row left: The Dove with an olive branch representing deliverance, peace, forgiveness and anticipation of new life.

Each of these windows has initials, in the corners, of the people being memorialized. Also, each of the windows has a unique, finely patterned blue border. This detail is worth

studying if you ever have the time.

While this is the end of the story as far as the installation goes, it is not the end as far as ongoing repairs and maintenance are concerned. Calgary is a hard place for a stained glass window to exist, as there are frequent hailstorms, great changes of temperature, rocks thrown up from vehicles and snow ploughs on 10<sup>th</sup> St, accidents caused by builders and painters, and last, but not least, vandalism. All of these have occurred to the St. Giles windows over the years. One of the earliest references to damage appears in 1977, and by 1988, there were cracks in the glass. A hailstorm in 1991 damaged four windows on the west side. The most damage occurred during the evening of August 12, 2006, when a person stood outside the church and tried to smash a number of the lower panels. Fortunately someone in the building was able to subdue the man until the police arrived. Victor Thompson was asked to repair the windows, but, after over 30 years of creating and repairing them, he felt he was not up to the task, and another artisan was hired to do the job, which was completed in 2008.

Discussion amongst the Board of Managers and Session continued for years over the best way to protect the windows. Considerable research was done at one time to compare all the different means used to protect stained glass windows in the various Calgary churches. All the choices had pros and cons: chicken wire protected from vandalism but not hail; plastic would turn yellow in the sunlight; clear glass would not protect from impact, etc. It was not until 2007 that a better protective material was found in the form of Lexan. This is a polycarbonate that has very high impact resistance, good optical properties, and good thermal tolerance. This material was installed in 2009, and has proved successful in protecting the windows from outside events, as well as adding, no doubt, some insulation value.

In addition to the previously mentioned problems, glass and lead are really not suitable materials to use together in construction as glass is so brittle, and lead is so very soft and malleable. The windows have gradually sagged over the years and some have a distinct buckle to them, which puts added stress on the glass pieces. In February of this year a fund raising campaign was launched to help pay for the rebuilding of all the large windows. Each window will be removed, broken pieces of glass replaced and the lead reworked so that the buckles can be removed.

## THE FIRST STAINED GLASS WINDOW IS REMOVED FOR REPAIR ON MARCH 30, 2015

BY JANET ASTLE

Ted Samson was an anxious man prior to the *Christ the Good Shepherd* window being removed for repair. This was not because he was worried about the window but because he had no idea how to supply the required scaffolding. He soon discovered that this was very easy as scaffolding can be rented just like any other tool. It is even delivered by the rental company and is simple to put together (if one remembers to pick up an instruction sheet).

Jody Martin, who has been contracted to repair the windows, and her two assistants (Josh and Shaun) arrived on the Monday morning and quickly erected the two storey scaffolding. They first began work on removing the top half of the window. The team had worked together before removing other church windows and knew exactly what to do in the tight confines of the scaffolding platforms. It took them two hours of patient, gentle work to remove the wire clips that held the window to the support bars and then to chip out all the almost 50 year-old putty that held the window in place. They then operated as a tight team to gently pry the upper half of the window out

of the frame. At times all hands and some feet were supporting the window as some edges came free while others were still stuck.



As soon as the top half of the window was removed Jody loaded it into her truck, and then adjusted the wooden brackets that would hold the window in place for the perilous drive down Deerfoot Trail. In the meantime Josh and Shaun were working on the lower window. This one did not take as much time or effort to remove, as it was so much easier to reach, and it soon joined its mate in the truck. By noon the scaffolding was being dismantled and the window was left with the clear Lexan pane, which normally protects the outside of the stained glass, covering the opening.

Jody returned with the repaired window on 27 April. She estimated that there were 500 feet of lead holding the glass pieces together. While we were pleased to see that the window is now perfectly flat and that the hole, which looked as if it had been made by a pellet gun, is now gone, we were mostly surprised at how bright the colours are. Jody explained that she had washed the glass THREE times to get the colours back to their original brilliance!

## Spring Clean-Up at St. Giles on June 6, 2015

Saturday, June 6, 2015 was a glorious day, just perfect for doing a spring clean-up at the church where some of the work was to be out of doors. Unfortunately only FOUR people turned up to take advantage of the weather. They persevered stoically and managed to wash many of the exterior, and interior, panes of the house, basement and narthex windows. The light will certainly be able to

shine in now (which is the subject of an anthem the choir sang in June.) Several other cleaning and maintenance jobs were also achieved. Sadly, however, the long list of "to do" jobs were barely touched, and will have to wait for another day.

Janet Astle

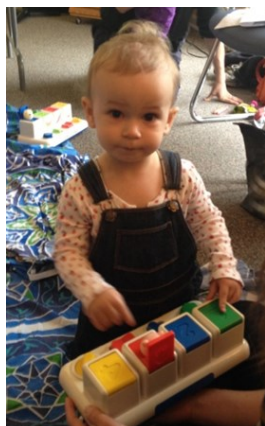
**But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.**

**Romans 5: 8-9 (NKJV)**



## **MOMS AND TOTS PROGRAM**

### **BY DIANNE MASCARDELLI**



Moms and Tots finished its first year at St Giles in May after offering sixteen sessions on topics such as infant sleep patterns, childhood vaccinations, and pediatric nutrition. We were fortunate enough to be able to offer sessions by an emergency pediatric physician, a pediatric dietician, and an expert in enjoying rhymes and stories with infants and toddlers.

We have learned a lot this year which will be incorporated into our new program for next year. We plan to meet only once a month at 10:00 am (easier to get babies out the door than 9:15 am) and will concentrate on topics where we can offer expert information and advice.

Many thanks are due to all who have helped and supported our program and a special thanks to Teuny Howarth for all the goodies and photography.

*Dianne Mascardelli, Candace Siddall and  
Linda Anderson*

## **ST. GILES ENGLISH CREAM TEA**

My deepest and sincerest Thank You to all those who volunteered at our third (hopefully annual) English Cream Tea. Special thanks to Jenny Thompson and Dianne Mascardelli for their planning, baking, sandwich preparation and support. Doreen Higgin, you are invaluable and Donna Russell your planning and phoning makes it happen. A special thank you to Dawn Flint, Ann Frost and Annette Livingstone for your hard work organizing and running the bake table, an essential part of the tea. Rev. Dewald a big thank you for your incredible posters and communicating to the community churches. Ted Sampson thank you so much for setting up the tables and working the day. Many thanks to all those who set tables, served, washed

dishes (cups and saucers by hand), greeted, made sandwiches, baked for the bake table, set up, took down, cleaned up and those jobs I have missed, you were all invaluable. The silver tea services, tea cups and saucers, embroidered tablecloths, tiered cake plates and cake plates that you all so generously lent and donated transformed the basement into a lovely afternoon event. Finally a special thank you to my family whose support helped to make it happen.

Everyone contributed to our most successful English Cream Tea. Set your calendars for early May, 2016.

*Candace Siddall, Coordinator.*

## **THE 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ST. GILES FOLK NIGHT**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Giles Folk Night was held at St. Giles Lower Hall on Saturday, April 18, 2015. Once again, the event was a success with an attendance of about 90 people.

Our entertainment included our in-house talents returning from years previous, including Paul Millar, Jackie Wilson, Ian McKay, Carmen Ashmead, Bill Woodward, Gillian Siddall and Jason Gaskarth to name a few.

Special thanks to co-host, Gillian Siddall, and the team of helpers for an lovely evening of fun and entertainment. Thanks also to the planning committee who helped this event to go smoothly. Thank you also to the Mission in

Action committee and to all those who gave of their time and talent to make this a successful evening.

The proceeds raised at this event will be sent to the Thutong Ya Bana School in the Galeshewe Township, a settlement of shacks on the outskirts of Kimberley, South Africa. Our Choir Director, Marni Strome, is a volunteer teacher at the school this summer.

*Look for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Giles Folk Night,  
coming in April 2016. We hope to see you there.*

*Jason Gaskarth, Organizer and Music Coordinator*

## **STAINED GLASS WINDOWS UPDATE**

### **YOUR GENEROSITY IS APPRECIATED**

Dear Friends of St. Giles,

St. Giles has been blessed with both beautiful Stained Glass Windows that adorn the Sanctuary and with generous people. It is with a joyful and hopeful heart that I write to you today.

It has been almost four months since my last letter about the Stained Glass Windows and how much they mean to people, whether first time worshippers or long-time members. The fourth window has now gone for repairs. We are almost halfway.

When Jody, the glass-artist, reinstalled the "Christ the Good Shepherd" window she noted how much clearer the blue glass has become, not to mention the brilliance of the yellow stained glass. The shepherd staff used to be a dark brown, but now it is back to the original color that is almost orange.

To repair the windows, Jody has to replace all the lead (she shared with me that the lead of the windows on the west side had become completely brittle!). There are almost 500 feet of lead in every window. She then washes each piece of glass about three times and replaces all the broken pieces before putting everything back together.

It was a challenge to find an affordable quote for taking out and replacing the windows with estimates ranging between \$2,700 and \$3,200 per window to remove each window and the same to replace it. But with persistence and prayer we were able to find someone willing to help for \$1,200 total.

With three windows completed we now know what the actual cost is to repair a window. The work to de-lead, wash, replace, and re-lead a window is \$4,800 and the cost to take the window out and put it back in is \$1,200, for a total cost of \$6,000 per window.

We have been fortunate to be able to borrow scaffolding twice for free; twice we had to rent it for \$140 each time. So, the total cost for this project is \$48,000 plus the cost of scaffolding if we need to rent it.

Since February, through your generosity, we have raised just over \$7,600. The executors of the Ethel Shultz estate have also asked session to re-designate this memorial for the repair of the Stained Glass Windows. This added a little more than \$21,000 to the pot. Last year we received \$3,000 towards this project and another \$3,000 was already in the Progress Fund. In total we have just over \$34,600. Another \$13,400 (approximately) will allow us to reach our goal of returning these windows to their prior beauty.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your generous support towards the repair of the Stained Glass Windows. It is great to know that we can work together to pass on a legacy that was born 50 years ago so that all people may enjoy the peace, grace, and serenity the sanctuary offers.

If you feel in your heart that you would like to make a donation towards the repair of the windows you may send your donation to St. Giles (1102 23rd Ave NW, T2M 1T7) and indicate that it is for the "Stained Glass Windows." You may also make a donation in memory of a loved one or to recognize a special event in your life.

Together I know we will be able to do this. Let's aim to reach this goal by November, and maybe we can reach \$15,000. Thank you for your consideration, prayers, and generous support.

Many Blessings,  
Rev. Dewald (Dewey) Delport

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**The Bible tells us that God loves us so much that He gave His very best—He gave Jesus. And in response to that great gift, we have the opportunity to say "Thank you," to God by giving Him a portion of ourselves through our financial gifts each week. As we give, we honor God, and we participate in His mission of letting others know about Jesus.**

*The Rev. Charles Cloughen, Jr. One Minute Stewardship Sermons. New York: Morehouse Publishing, 1997, p98.*

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## VACATION BIBLE CAMP



**What: Camp Discovery at St. Giles**

**When: August 17-21 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.**

**Where: St. Giles Presbyterian Church**

***Discover His plan! Discover His purpose!***

In *Camp Discovery* Vacation Bible Camp, your children learn that Jesus works in and through us! They'll look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explore five tremendous Bible accounts where God works in His people to save them and through His people to serve! Jesus saves us, gives us faith, courage, and wisdom to serve Him and share His Good News with our neighbor! God does have a plan and a purpose for each of His beloved children!

Registration is open to children ages 4-15 who would like to attend Vacation Bible Camp on August 17 to 21, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Come along with us as we sing fun songs, do crazy crafts, eat yummy snacks, play awesome

games, and much more. Plus, you'll learn all about Jesus our Savior and how He is at work through us!

There is a registration fee of \$25.00 per child which you can either mail to:

St. Giles Vacation Bible Camp  
1102 23 Ave NW  
Calgary, AB, T2M 1T7

or bring with you on the day of registration. For more information on how to register, please visit our website at: <http://stgiles.ca>

On Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, parents and grandparents are invited to join us at 11:40 am for a time of celebration when we'll share some of the songs and enjoy a hotdog lunch afterwards.

If you have any questions or concerns please email Rev.Delport at: [stgilesminister@gmail.com](mailto:stgilesminister@gmail.com)



Summer is here and Camp Kannawin will soon be filled with the sound of children of all ages enjoying a camping experience. Camp Kannawin offers a Christian-based program

with a variety of activities that include evening campfires, swimming, canoeing, the water slide, archery, crafts and a wonderful opportunity to learn more about their Creator God. All this is made possible by our Camp Convenor, Director, Committee, and an amazing group of young summer staff whose goal it is to see that your child/children have a summer to remember, with new experiences and new friends.

Camp Kannawin is situated just west of Jarvis Bay Provincial Park, on the shores of Sylvan Lake, five minutes north of the town of Sylvan Lake. It is owned and operated by the congregations of the Synod of Alberta and the Northwest, the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

This year you may wish to consider sending your child/children to camp. Throughout the summer, there are camps split up for various ages of children. Please see the website [www.campkanniwan.ca](http://www.campkanniwan.ca) for more information or call 403-887-5760.

An overall theme is selected each year for the summer, and it is weaved throughout the season's program and activities. This year, the theme is: **Power Up! Living in the Spirit.**

There are also many opportunities to help in a variety of volunteer positions. I have spent the last three years as one of the Camp chaplains. Having experienced camp as a child and as a volunteer I know it leaves a lasting impression. To provide that opportunity to other children it is important for us to become involved ourselves. For more information in that regard the Camp can be reached as noted above or by contacting Terry Hagen at 403-835-7235. I am both the Congregational Representative and the Presbytery Representative for Camp Kannawin. Volunteer needs include kitchen, maintenance, fund-raising and much more. This spring we held a major and very successful fund-raising event. This is an area in which additional volunteer help would be greatly appreciated and much of it can be done right from your home.

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Camp Kannawin wishes you all a great summer.

Terry Hagen  
Congregational Camp Ambassador  
Presbytery Camp Representative



## Congratulations

### Gillian Siddall receives ARCT Diploma



**Gillian Siddall** received her Associate of the Royal Conservatory (ARCT) Teacher's Diploma (the highest academic standing awarded by the Conservatory) on Sunday, November 9, 2014. Gillian said that it took her a few years to complete the final parts of this certification but it was totally worth it. It involved a piano practical exam, a pedagogy exam, and numerous theory and history exams.

Gillian now has a piano studio. She gives swimming lessons and is a lifeguard at the YMCA; and she also teaches water fitness classes around town. Her future plans involve more music, teaching, and water fitness classes.

In her spare time, she looks after residential homes as well as dogs and cats.

Proud parents are Wendell and Candace Siddall, and brothers Graham and Andrew (Erin) and niece Sadie.

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### Human Resources Committee

On March 13, 2015, Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) classes were held at St. Giles with 16 people in attendance. There have been requests for more CPR classes in the fall but no dates have been set as yet.

We would like to thank Dennis Cooper and brother, Walter, for all their work revising and updating the Church floor plans highlighting emergency exits, fire alarms and fire extinguishers. These will be laminated and posted soon.

The Emergency Evacuation Procedures are updated. These Procedures, and others, will be put into an Emergency Binder and hung by the five church telephones that are located in Rev. Delport's office, the Administrative Assistant's office, the main Kitchen area, the Photocopier Room and outside the Park Room. There will also be a copy hung outside Pastor Kim's office in the basement of the house.

Contents of the Emergency Binder will be in English and Korean and will include: the address and phone number for the church; Emergency Contact phone numbers; Evacuation Procedures; what to do in case of a Bomb Threat; pictures demonstrating basic CPR for adults, children and infants; and pictures demonstrating help for choking adults, children and infants. And finally, the application for an AED (automated external defibrillator) has been completed and sent to the Heart and Stroke Foundation and we are awaiting their response.

Marilyn Machum, Convenor

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### Planned Giving Workshop with Rev. Dr. Herb Gale

On the weekend of May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, Rev. Dr. Herb Gale, Associate Secretary for Planned Giving for the Presbyterian Church in Canada, presented a workshop at St. Giles on planned giving. The main points of this workshop were:

- How we, at St. Giles, can grow in overall generosity;
- How to tap into the abundance of God's grace to grow the church into the future;
- How to use tax-efficient strategies to maximize your gifts to the church and other charities;
- How some planned gifts can actually increase your current income and provide you with additional financial stability;
- How our congregation can find additional money for new and creative ministries;
- How we can continue to grow in our calling as Stewards of God's Abundant Grace;
- The many advantages of church members using Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR).

There will be a more complete report in the next issue of "What's Up?".

Marilyn Machum

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## BAPTISMS AND BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

*"Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to him, saying, 'Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God.'" Luke 18:15-16*



On Sunday, April 12, 2015 it was a special privilege for our congregation to welcome into Christ's Church by Baptism, **Keira Victoria** infant daughter of Brian Jensen and Erin Fedoruk . Many family and friends were present to share in this special occasion.

On Sunday, June 14, 2015 it was a special privilege for our congregation to welcome into Christ's Church by Baptism, **Aislinn Elise**

infant daughter of Kate and Bill McAuley.

To share in this very special occasion were grandparents Denis and Dianne Mascardelli and Dave and Louise McAuley and many family and friends.

Aislinn wore a McAuley family christening gown once worn by her father. The shawl was knitted by her great-grandmother for her mother's birth.



### Birth Announcement

The Frost family was delighted to have a new addition to their family. **Stephen and Crystal Frost** welcomed their infant daughter, **London Louise Valerie** on Friday, June 5, 2015. London weighed 6 lbs 7ozs.

Proud grandparents are Evelyn and Rick Sanderson and Ann Frost.

# High School Graduates

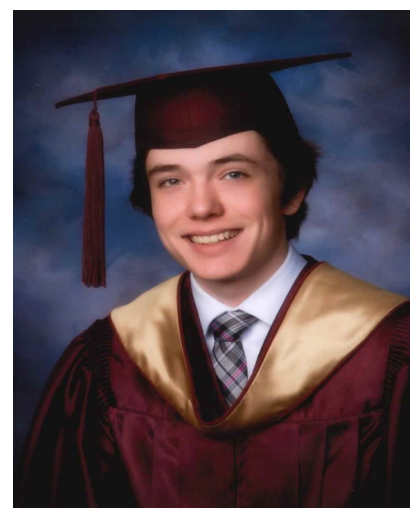


**Dylan Badger** graduated from Bowness High School. Dylan also graduated from the Fire Cadet Program in Calgary. This program gives high school students the opportunity to learn about what it takes to be a firefighter, through teaching life-skills like leadership, community involvement and teamwork. Dylan plans to apprentice to be an instrumentation technologist.

Proud parents are Geoff and Colleen Badger.

Dylan is the grandson of Jack and Phyllis Alexander and Wayne and Trudy Badger.

## Congratulations



**Clay Henry Sollid** graduated from Cochrane High School. This fall, Clay plans to study Business at the University of Calgary.

Proud parents are Nichola and Curt Sollid and brother Eli.

Clay is the grandson of Glen and Betty Sollid and Ann Frost.

**Lauren Michelle Brock** graduated from Bowness High School. This fall, Lauren plans to attend the University of Calgary to pursue studies in Psychology.

Proud parents are Richard and Barbara Brock and sister Lindsay.

Lauren is the granddaughter of Donna Brock and Isaac and Audrey Harms.



## Congratulations

**Jessica Martin** graduated from James Fowler High School. This fall, Jessica plans to pursue post-secondary studies in the area of criminal justice.

Proud father is Campbell Martin.

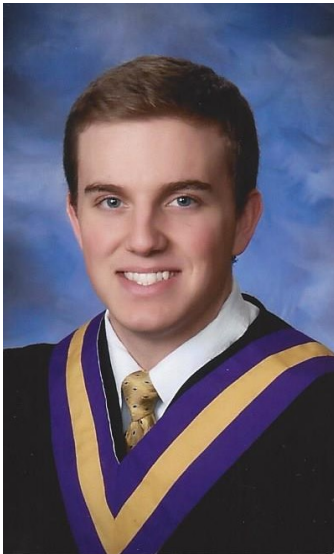


*May God's  
blessings continue  
to guide you to  
accomplish your  
goals during the  
coming years.*



# High School Graduates

# Congratulations



**Jesse Nerland** graduated from New Market High School. This fall, Jesse will attend Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario to pursue studies in Engineering.

Proud parents are Mark and Leslie Nerland.

Jesse is the grandson of Doreen Higgin.



**Emily Johnston** graduated from Simon Fraser Junior High School and this fall will attend Sir Winston Churchill High School to further her studies.

Proud parents are Brad Johnston and Alana Findlay, brother Tyvan and sister Holly.



**Kyle Rodgers** graduated from Sir Winston Mulock Secondary School. This fall, Kyle will attend Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario to pursue a Bachelor of Commerce degree.

Proud parents are Tina and Bruce Rodgers.

Kyle is the grandson of Walter and Susan Cooper and David and Ruth Rodgers.

**Malcolm Livingston** graduated from Rancho High School - Aviation Academy, Las Vegas.

This fall Malcolm plans to attend the Embry Riddle Aeronautical University to study Aeronautical Engineering.

Proud parents are Trina and Jason Livingston, brother Jordon and sister Sloane.

Malcolm is the grandson of George and Annette Livingston.

*(Photo: Malcolm with his grandmother Annette Livingston)*





# University Graduates

# Congratulations



**Mason Nyhoff** graduated from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a major in Finance and a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Chinese Studies.

Mason plans to work at HSBC in New York City in the Leveraged Finance group. HSBC is one of the world's largest banking and financial services organizations.

Proud parents are Karen and Doug Nyhoff, brother Taylor, and sister Kennedy.

Mason is the grandson of Jack and Phyllis Alexander

**Stewart Evans** graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Film and Video Production from the University of Regina, Saskatchewan. Having moved back to Calgary, Stewart wants to explore audio design and making podcast dramas.

Proud parents are Jim Evans and Sandra Cameron Evans and Gordon and Jean Cameron.



**Dana Mitchum** graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Canadian Studies from the University of Lethbridge.

Dana plans on pursuing a career in government administration but is enjoying being newly graduated and is taking some time to travel and visit family.

Proud mom is Sharon Mitchum, and her dad Allan McDonald (deceased) would have been proud too.

Dana is the granddaughter of Mary and Geoff Mitchum.

Congratulations

**David Terrill** graduated with a Master of Science degree in Geology and Geophysics from the University of Calgary. David, whose field of specialization is Palaeontology, wrote his thesis on Conodonts, a lamprey-like creature known in the fossil record primarily by its teeth.

David has returned to Dinosaur Provincial Park, where he is now a supervisor in the interpretive programs department. Once that position winds up in late October he has decided to defer his doctoral studies for a year in order to explore his options.

Proud parents are Trish and Mark Terrill.



# University Graduates

# Congratulations



**Jeff Mason McLean** graduated from the University of Calgary with a Bachelor of Science degree in the discipline of Geology. He received his geology ring at a ceremony earlier this spring.

Jeff is working in Calgary for the summer months and in the fall plans to do some more travelling, possibly to Australia on a work visa.

Proud parents are John and Joan McLean and sister Katie.

Jeff is the grandson of Madeleine Mason of Victoria, British Columbia.

**Rebecca Paynter** graduated from Mount Royal University with a Bachelor of Education degree. Rebecca enjoys working with children and is hopeful to get a teaching position in the fall.

Proud parents are Graham and Elizabeth Paynter.

Rebecca is the granddaughter of Everett and Jessie Paynter and Doreen Higgin.



**Duncan Browne** graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Petroleum Engineering and was presented with his degree by the Chancellor of Montana Tech of the University of Montana. He received his engineer's ring at a ceremony held in December 2014.

Duncan is presently employed as a Petroleum Engineer in Minot, North Dakota.

Proud parents are David and Jane Browne and brother Trent.

Duncan is the grandson of Chris Browne and Talka Burke.



**Nathaniel Browne** graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Kinesiology and was presented with his degree by the Chancellor of the University of Lethbridge.

Nathaniel plans to pursue a career in Kinesiology and to continue his interest in creative studies.

Proud parents are Alan and Gail Browne and sisters Rachelle and Ryleigh.

Nathaniel is the grandson of Jack and Marlene Thompson and Chris Browne.

# Congratulations

## FINANCIAL UPDATE TO MAY 2015

### BY TED SAMSON

I am writing this on a very hot morning in late June, just a week into summer this year. The 2015 Budget is a little larger than last year, at an average of \$20,597 every month. However, we know that we don't receive the same income every month or have the same level of expenses every month either.

During the next three months our income was just slightly below our required average, but our expenses were much higher, although our only major maintenance item was a drain back-up in April and the subsequent replacement of the older toilet in the Ladies' Washroom.

Here are the actual numbers for those three months:

	March	April	May	YTD
Revenue	\$20,144	\$17,151	\$22,824	\$94,572
Expenses	<u>17,395</u>	<u>23,284</u>	<u>25,691</u>	<u>106,727</u>
Difference	2,719	(6,133)	(2,867)	(12,155)

*(x,xxx) indicates a deficit*

As you can see, the deficit at the end of May was just more than \$12,000, about half what it was at this time last year, while income was up by almost \$13,000 and expenses were only \$900 higher.

On another positive note, we have raised a substantial amount towards the repair of the Stained Glass Windows. More than \$7,600 have been contributed since February. Remember that the Stained Glass Window repair is funded separately, and not from the 2015 Church Budget.

## Church School News

**BY HEATHER MACKIE**

Our church school year ended on Father's Day with the children participating in the service. The children chose all the songs/hymns for the service as well as read the prayer and readings. It was great to see so many of them in church that Sunday and all having fun singing and participating. Each child was also given a small gift of a coloring book, word search book or journal to thank them for being a part of our church. We were happy to present a Bible to Tara Clark as she has now completed Grade 5. The teachers were also thanked and given a small gift. Following the service the children and parents enjoyed lunch from Peter's Burgers and then enjoyed indoor mini golf.

For the summer months, we are looking for volunteers to spend some time with the children. This is a great chance to get to know the children of our congregation better and to have some fun! There are packages for each week that contain a story book as well as a video/DVD and some activities to go with them – each focusing on different values and stories.

For fall, we will be looking for at least one new church school teacher who would like to teach the younger children. If you are interested even for just once a month please talk to Heather.

The church school wish everyone a relaxing summer full of fun and friends!

## No Sale

*A salesman was going door to door trying to sell his wears. As he walked up to the next house, he noticed a small boy sitting on the front steps. "Is your mother home?" the salesman asked the small boy. "Yeah, she's home," the boy said, scooting over to let him past. The salesman rang the doorbell, got no response, knocked once, then again. Still no one came to the door. Turning to the boy, the fellow said, "I thought you said your mother was home!?" The kid replied, "She is; but this isn't where I live."*



## **COMMENTS FROM YOUR REPRESENTATIVE ELDER ON PRESBYTERY**

### **BY SANDRA CAMERON EVANS**

Presbytery met on May 26 at St. John's Church, Medicine Hat. Rev. Cocks led worship based on the Four Directions traditions of the plains people. The Theological Discussion focused on the video "Gently Whispering the Circle Back".

#### **Discerning the Future of our Presbytery**

- Enthusiasms and Concerns Regarding the Ministries of the Presbytery
  - o Bill Ross' death in early May was reported;
  - o St. John's will be welcoming Janet Taylor from VST as a Student Intern;
  - o The news of St. Giles' new labyrinth was shared.
- Strategy and Leadership
  - o Rev Delpont has agreed to continue as Clerk of Presbytery for another year;
  - o Applications for the Fund for New Ministry Initiatives from Centennial-Anyuk Community and the Side by Side program at Varsity Acres Church were approved.

#### **Reports on the Ministries of our Presbytery**

- Pastoral Effectiveness Group
  - o Pastoral Relationships with Congregations
    - Presbytery approved the position of General Presbyter be continued, with Peter Coutts continuing in the position until May 2019;
    - The Visitation Report to St. Andrew's Church commended the Session for its leadership during the time of congregational transition and directed the finance team to create benchmarks for the congregation's financial health and long-term sustainability.
  - o Pastoral Relationships with Individuals in Ministry
    - Presbytery approved the recertification of Roberto DeSandoli to VST;
    - Che Chebneh and Joel Yoo are continuing their work in preparation for reception into the PCC.
- Presbytery Youth Ministry Committee Report
  - o There had been three city-wide events for youth in 2015;
  - o Planning continues for the 2015 Fall Retreat to be hosted by Westminster Church.
- Interim Moderator's Report for Calvin Hungarian
  - o Calvin Church continues to do well;
  - o The Interim Moderators are working with Calvin Church on communications, decision-making, conflict resolution and leadership.
- Interim Moderator's Report for Ghanaian Presbyterian Church, Calgary
  - o The congregation plans to apply for a Canadian Ministries grant to support the cost of a minister;
  - o Presbytery gave permission for GPCC to seek a minister.
- Presbytery Representative's Report for St. Andrew's, Calgary
  - o The Search Team for the position of Minister, Family Ministries, has completed the profile and is advertising.

#### **Reports on our Ministry Partnerships**

- The Presbyterian Church in Canada
  - o WMS
    - The Synodical of Alberta and the Northwest is scheduled to meet June 20 at Varsity Acres to hear Rev. Morris speak on 'Moving Mission from Good to Great'.
- Synod of Alberta and the Northwest
  - o Director of Regional Ministries
    - A \$700 surplus from PWS&D's "North American Relief" will be sent to Iyahrhe Nakoda Foodbank Society for flood affected families in Morley;
    - The closing event of the Truth and Reconciliation of Canada will be held in Ottawa with the final report being presented on June 2;
    - KAIROS is hosting a gathering to dovetail with this event. Rev. Ollerenshaw and Zoe Say, of Grace Presbyterian and Peer Facilitator of the Campus Ministry will be attending;
    - A post-TRC event is being planned for late September in Southern Alberta.
  - o Camp Kannawin
    - Information was shared on the choir festival held at St. Giles where \$5,318.40 was raised for the beach reclamation project;
    - Various projects are planned including using a grant to replace the walk-in cooler and getting assistance from the program at Bowden Institution for the raft and dock set up.
- KAIROS
  - o The churches that participated in the 'Coldest Night of the Year Walkathon' were thanked. \$130,438 was raised for Feed the Hungry at St. Mary's Cathedral and Acadia Place Housing. Everyone was encouraged to consider it in 2016 as a wonderful event for evangelism with friends and neighbors.
- Calgary Interfaith Council
  - o There has been discussion about uniting the different interfaith groups in Calgary.
- United/Presbyterian Campus Ministry Committee
  - o The various activities of were high-lighted including evening prayer services, drumming programs and peer partnerships;
  - o The Spring Tea Party, a fund-raiser and celebration of the campus ministry, was successful with a good representation from the Presbytery.

#### **Administrative Committee**

- I continue as Representative Elder with Joanne Watson as Alternate; Terry Hagen is an Equalizing Elder.

**Next Meeting** – The next regular meeting will take place at St. Paul's, Banff on Tuesday, September 8, at 2:00pm for the installation of the new Moderator. All are welcome.



# THE GORGE CREEK TRAIL IN KANANASKIS COUNTRY

## PHOTOS BY REV. DEWALD DELPORT



*Looking at the big picture we sometimes miss the little treasures without which the big pictures is never complete.*



*Two dewdrops on the caterpillar and below a little yellow louse taking a ride on the caterpillar*



*As mentioned on page 1: On the left - the big picture.. On the right and below - the treasures.*



*Meadow Parsnip or Hearted-leaved Alexanders (Zizia aptera)*



*Smooth Blue Beardtongue (Penstemon nitrides)*



*Low Larkspur (Delphinium bicolour)*

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**WORSHIP SERVICES ARE HELD EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:00 AM**

- ★ July 5.....**Stampede Brunch (see below)**  
Come and bring a friend - all are welcome
- ★ August 17-21 .....**Vacation Bible Camp at St. Giles**  
This year's theme is 'Discover his Plan! Discover His Purpose!'
- ★ September 6 .....**Fall Welcome-Back Luncheon**  
Please join us for a Luncheon in the Lower Hall following our Worship Service.
- ★ October 4 ..... **World Communion Service.**  
A celebration observed by several Christian denominations, taking place on the first Sunday of every October, that promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation.
- ★ October 11 ..... **Thanksgiving Sunday.**  
A chance for people to give thanks for a good harvest and other fortunes in the past year.

*Special thanks and appreciation to our Music Director, Marni Strome, and our our organist/pianist Esther Woelffle, and to our guest musicians, for the wonderful and inspirational music that they have provided to us.*

**Check our Church Bulletin for other Upcoming Events**

*Have a Safe and Enjoyable Summer*

### ST. GILES STAMPEDE BRUNCH

Come and join in the camaraderie of **St. Giles Stampede Brunch** sponsored by members of our Session. Dress in your western outfits and bring your family and friends for a wonderful time together as we share in celebrating Calgary's biggest outdoor show "The Calgary Stampede".

**Date: Sunday, July 5, 2015**

**Time: After our regular worship service**

**Place: The Garden**



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